Activities under taken by MDA Fund

41. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what activities have been undertaken by the Market Development Assistance Fund to develop export trade and markets for Indian products abroad;

(b) what is the actual amount in concrete terms of market development utilised by this fund;

(c) whether any evaluation of the activities of this fund have been done; and

(d) if so, what are the results thereof and if not, when will the evaluation be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The main activities to develop export trade and to develop marketing of Indian products abroad are as under:-

(i) Participation in trade fairs and exhibitions

(ii) Sales-cum-study teams and trade delegations.

(iii) Advertisement in foreign media and bringing out publication abroad.

(iv) Opening of Foreign offices/warehouses abroad.

(v) Buyer Seller meets.

(vi) Grant-in-aid to Export Promotion Councils and other approved organisations.

(b) The amount released from this fund during the last 3 years is as under:-

Year	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1992-93	818.50
1993-94	612.70
1994-95	657.66
1995-96	315.40

(Budget Estimates)

(c) and (d) No evaluation of the activities of the fund has been done as such because the fund is utilised for well defined stipulated activities, which are all export promotion measures being undertaken to stimulate and diversify the country's export trade.

Pilferage of Edible Oils in Ports

42. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imported edible oil are being pilfered in ports; and

(b) if so, the reasons as to why they are not being weighed within the port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. 43. **सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के संबंध में कार्यक्रम मूल्यांकन संगठन की टिप्पणियां**

43. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज** :

श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या **नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि **:**

(क) क्या यह सच है कि योजना आयोग के अधीन कार्यक्रम मूल्यांकन संगठन ने वर्तमान सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के संबंध में अपने विचार सरकार को दिए है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त संगठन ने सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली में किन-किन कमियों की ओर संकेत किया है;

(ग) या सरकार ने इन कमियों को दूर करने के लिए कोई कार्रवाई की है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (उपभोक्ता)